

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

LONNIE THOMPSON,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JULIE A. HENSLEY, *et al.*,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 1:23-cv-1656

DISTRICT JUDGE

Pamela A. Barker

MAGISTRATE JUDGE

James E. Grimes Jr.

ORDER

On June 26, 2025, Defendants filed a motion to strike *pro se* Plaintiff Lonnie Thompson's response to their motion to dismiss. *See* Doc. 75. Plaintiff did not file a response.

The Defendants recognize that, while the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure do not contemplate a motion to strike outside of the pleading stage, *see* Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(f), some courts have stricken certain documents based on the inherent power to control their dockets, *see* Doc. 75, at 1. To this end, Defendants' urge the Court to exercise its discretion to strike Plaintiff's response because it was filed—by their count—19 days outside of the applicable deadline. *See* Doc. 77, at 2.

Without more, this Court is not inclined to exercise its discretion to strike a responsive brief on a dispositive motion filed by an incarcerated *pro se*

plaintiff simply because it was filed 19 days after the deadline for filing it.

Defendants' motion to strike is DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERD.

Dated: August 6, 2025

/s/ James E. Grimes Jr.

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U.S. Magistrate Judge